City of Lafayette Staff Report

For:	Lafayette City Council
By:	Jennifer Russell, Parks, Trails & Recreation Director
Date Written:	February 26, 2009
Meeting Date:	March 9, 2009
Subject:	**Senior Needs Assessment**

Introduction

Per City Council direction at its February 23, 2009 meeting, staff has drafted a Professional Services Agreement between the City and BW Research Partnership, Inc. for a "Senior Needs Assessment Study". The purpose of the study is to obtain accurate and statistically valid data in order to gain an understanding of current and future community-wide needs, attitudes, opinions, and behaviors regarding education; financial counseling; housing (aging-in-place and downsizing); medical and nutrition needs; referral assistance; recreation; safety; socialization; and transportation for seniors.

Approval of the agreement is granted with the understanding that the Senior Needs Assessment Task Force will pursue outside funding sources to reimburse the City for part or all of the cost.

Recommendation

Increase the 2008-09 Senior Services Commission Budget by $29,750 and enter into a Professional Services Agreement with BW Research Partnership, Inc. to conduct a Lafayette Senior Needs Assessment.

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